

HR 7665

REC Act of 2022

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Current Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

Latest Action: Subcommittee Hearings Held. (May 11, 2022)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]

Party: Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Jun 15, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	May 9, 2022
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	May 11, 2022
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	May 9, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Mt. Hood and Columbia River Gorge Recreation Enhancement and Conservation Act of 2022 or the REC Act of 2022

This bill establishes programs and requirements to support the conservation of and recreational access to the Mount Hood National Forest and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area in Oregon.

Specifically, the bill establishes within Mount Hood National Forest one or more Indian Treaty Resources Emphasis Zones to protect and enhance treaty resources, protect reservations from wildfires, and enable a co-management strategy between the Forest Service and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

The bill expands the Mount Hood National Recreation Area. The bill also requires the publication of a comprehensive sustainable recreation management plan for the recreation area and Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. It also establishes Centers for Recreation Excellence to support the management and enhancement of outdoor recreation in these areas.

Additionally, the bill

- provides for a wildfire assessment that covers Mount Hood National Forest, federal land within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, and any adjacent private, state, or tribal land;
- designates specified river segments in Oregon as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System and specified areas in Oregon as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System;
- establishes committees to develop strategies for sustainable access to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and Mount Hood National Forest; and
- requires the Department of Agriculture to enter into cooperative agreements with certain entities to provide search and rescue, firefighting, and law enforcement services.

Actions Timeline

- **May 11, 2022:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **May 9, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **May 9, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **May 9, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **May 6, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **May 6, 2022:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E461)
- **May 6, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.